

**MEMORANDUM**

**AGENDA ITEM II.3  
APRIL 27, 2023 MEETING**

**To: Conservation Commission/Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Agency**

**From:** Suzanne Simone, Environmental Planner

**Date:** April 20, 2023

**Re: Non-native invasive plant species treatment options**

Christian Allyn, operator of Invasive Plant Solutions, will discuss the treatment methods for the management of non-native invasive plant species. Mr. Allyn has been contacted by property owners expressing interest in restoring conservation easements by addressing the removal of non-native invasives and long term management to enable native plant species to thrive.

The current standard conservation easement agreement language prohibits the use of herbicides and removal of plants within a conservation easement. The language was instituted decades ago, when non-native invasive plants were not yet emerging as a serious ecological threat that they are recognized as today.

This discussion is intended to be educational, to further our knowledge of the current non-native invasive plant treatments and best management practices.